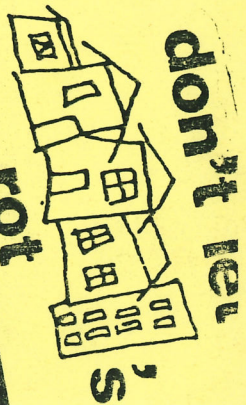
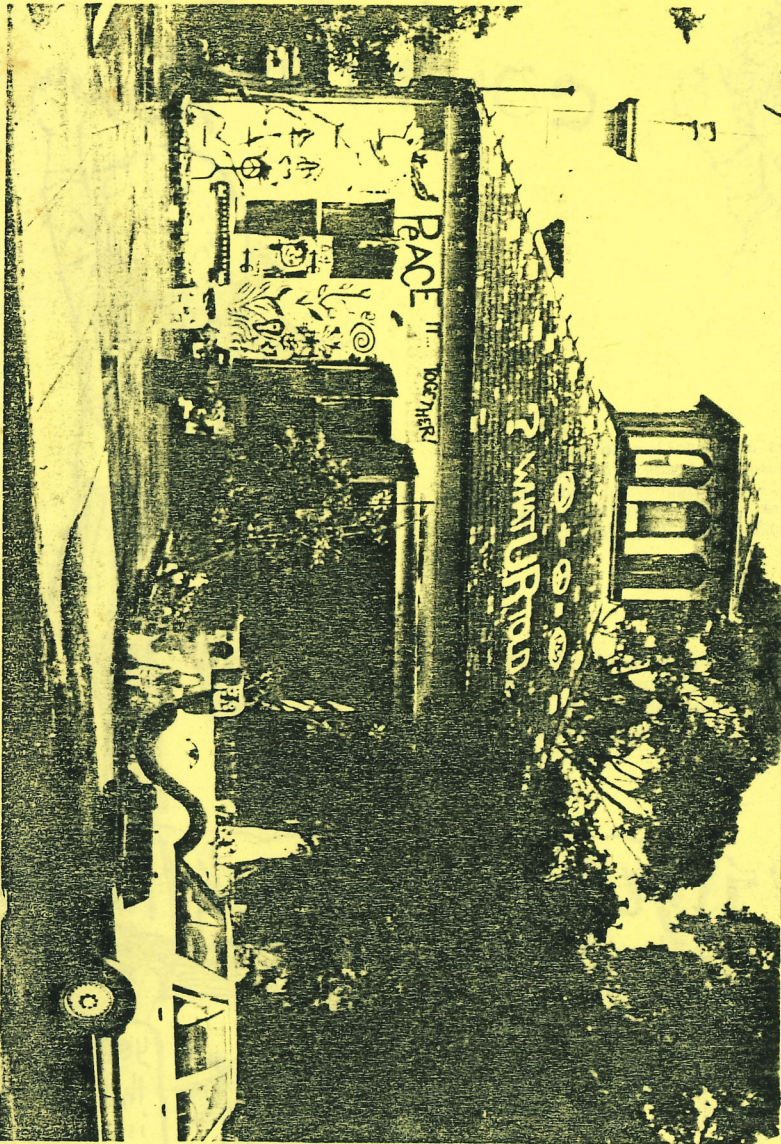


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...you didn't think squatters did such things?
...Read the Herald and find out the truth ...

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Squatters Wreck Houses



FOUNDATIONS ROCKING THE

....A film review

Which union changed the accepted expectations of labour unions and formed the Green Bans to challenge the big business "progress" of developers in the 1960's to the mid 1970's? When and how did women first claim equality with a male dominated industry by working with men on building sites doing what was traditionally regarded as 'mens work'?

Why it is wrong to give support to Norm's leadership which intervened from its federal platform to upset the successful Greenbans? Who were the ones empowering the B.L.F., the residents, the squatters and environmentalists together to fight against the destructive greed of property development?

The answers are all in *Rocking the Foundations* an amazing film about the union struggle up to March 1975 and includes footage of scenes at Woolloomooloo in Sydney. The clashes between police and squatters and the riots that spilt onto the sports ground during the South African Rugby tours are shown in black and white. RTF tells of the hard won conditions that the union fought for.

Is this information or entertainment, one asks as all the brutality abused on people, as still happens today, rolls out onto the screen. For squatters and demonstrators this film should be seen to link the past with the present. And for Building workers the film offers a mould of worker/activator in Jack Munday. The film is a message of concern for the future, found in preserving past relics and fusing public involvement in the Environment NOW!

....92 minutes long... Director Pat Fiske (who was a BL herself.



DISARM RAPISTS



SMASH SEXISM



The role of the police at the Charnwood Cres. eviction with their strip and search tactic is an example of just how far the upmarket Yobs are willing to stretch the gap between the rights of people and enforcement of law.

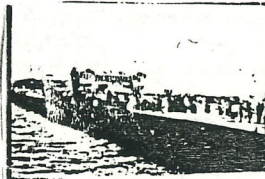
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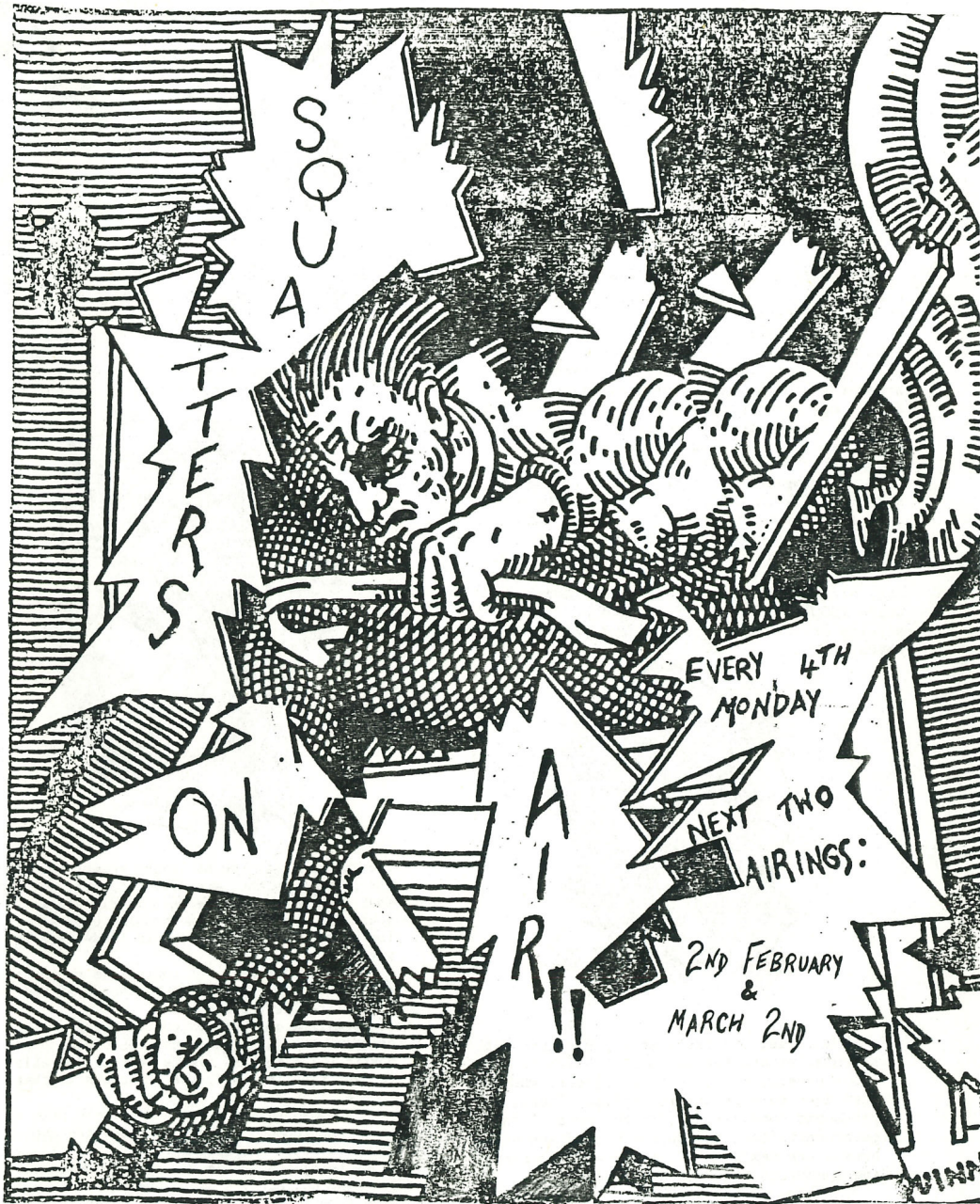
The wealthy own the law
Which controls the land...
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The SUV has some new badges
at 50¢ a pop (unwaged) - call us + get some
[We'd show you the designs but we lost them + it's 2AM]



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Why is there a housing crisis??.....because capitalism wants it that way. There is labour and in materials in excess, to provide adequate, comfortable and affordable housing for all. (But it's not profitable.)

By having a housing crisis/shortage, the landowners are able to make profit from the plight of the people. The high demand for accommodation creates perfect conditions for the raising of rents and for the discrimination against people who don't fit the norm. i.e. the nuclear family.

This discrimination forces low income people into public housing which assists the state in it's own brand of profiteering; social control.

The state profits through the housing crisis, not so much thru money, but rather thru social control.

Low income earners and benefit recipients (who make up the majority of people in public housing) can be contained within specified areas through the use of estates and high rise flats. How can anyone question the system they live in (or are forced to live in), when a basic need like housing is a competitive and recurrent struggle for them.

By keeping people on the defensive and in competition with each other the alienation of one person from another is kept going and the possibility of co-operation, and unity to fight the conditions imposed, is neutralised.

The houses are there, we all see them every day. Sitting derelict, rotting and vandalised, while 1000's of people are forced onto the streets or into their friends and relatives homes.



Meanwhile, the profiteering goes on, with speculation and the selling of homes to 'home owners, or worse to developers who tear them down to make way for office blocks, car-parks and condominiums. In the case of the government (thru the Road Construction Auth.) houses are demolished for freeways to carry the commuters to their daily slavery.

The time is well overdue to remove the control of such an essential part of life from the hands of the capitalists and their co-operative govt. departments. We must no longer accept the concept of a housing crisis when there is labour and materials lying idle (unemployment being another necessity for the capo's as it creates an always available labour pool) which could easily be mobilised to build enough housing for all people.

WHAT BLOODY CRISIS!

The end to the false crisis would also mean the end of the exploitative rents demanded by the landowners and also an end to the rampant discrimination, even by the govt., which allows them to choose who resides in 'their' accom.

Squatting is a step towards regaining control of housing and our lives. By squatting you can solve your immediate problem of homelessness and also make a strong statement to



the rulers- that you no longer accept the lies and propaganda they are trying to sell you and that you intend to take what is rightfully yours and not wait in the manufactured queues for a welfare handout which is inadequate anyway.

The ultimate goal, of course, is to put the control of housing back in the hands of the people; resident control.

Localised collectives could be set up to organise the maintenance and distribution of housing. The members always being answerable to, and recallable by, the residents in that locale.

A nominal payment would have to be paid to cover maintenance, but nothing like the exploitative rents charged now.

By being answerable always, the delegates in these collectives avoid the trap set up by beauracratic heirarchies where power is centralised and people cannot be removed from their state allocated power positions.

Housing is for people, not for profit, and should be controlled by the people. We don't need huge beauracracies to control our lives. We are capable of doing it ourselves.

SQUAT AND JOIN THE MOVE FOR SELF DETERMINATION!!

PRINCESS PIER COMMUNITY CAFE SPACE....

On the first day of International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, squatters occupied a disused cafe opposite Princess Pier, Port Melbourne. The cafe is owned by the Port of Melbourne Authority and there are no plans for it until its demolished for the Station Pier Redevelopment plan. We, the squatters, plan to turn the cafe into a community space for groups to use...so...if you or a group that you're in need space for:

- meetings
 - workspace (for painting banners etc)
 - benefits
 - film nights
 - performance space
 - band rehearsals
 - or anything else...
- There's seating space for 40+ people and standing space for more.
 - Cost-basically free, except for small donations for power etc.
 - There is a toilet and access to cooking facilities.
 - Women's/Mens only space is OK though the people who live at the cafe still need access to the kitchen..

Call 419 0047 on Tues or Thurs for more info.....



NOW OPEN!

PLENTY OF SPACE AVAILABLE!!

To get there: take the 201 bus from Flinders St past Port Melb. shopping center to Princess Pier (the stop after the bridge over Station Pier..)

Sorry 'bout
the typo's !!!

Old post office 'inv

SQUATTERS took over the Elsternwick post office last week in an effort to save the building from destruction.

Unfortunately for them, someone forgot to tell them that the battle had already been won and they were unceremoniously evicted by Elsternwick police just a few hours after their arrival.

A number of residents in the Elsternwick area found typed leaflets in their letter boxes, headed with Save the Post Office, which detailed the plans the squatters had for their new home.

The squatters' intention was to turn the post office into an "educational communal resource workshop and refuge centre" for unemployed and homeless young people.

They said there were 100,000 homeless people in Victoria alone and about 1000 slept under bridges or in trains every night.

About 12 squatters were in residence, although they said another 50 or so were due to arrive that day.

Some were from other 'squats' around Melbourne.

However the fact that the post

Southern Cross 15/10/84
By Prue Drever

office is a council-owned building and not owned by the Commonwealth, as they thought, put paid to their intentions and they were quietly evicted by council officers and the police.

Caulfield Jack Campbell was furious that the squatters had picked on the post office as their new home.

He was one of the people who discovered the sudden appearance of the squatters through his letter box.

"They had absolutely no right to be there," he said.

"They were there under false pretences and we will see what can be done about them as soon as possible."

There is confusion over how the squatters actually managed to get into the building, because there was no sign of forced entry.

The squatters said they jumped the fence at the rear of the building and made their entry through an open window, but council officers disputed this, maintaining that the building was securely locked.

We are not really sure exactly how they got in, but it seems as though one of the locks may have been tampered with," said Cr Campbell.

"We have now changed all the locks and I doubt that the squatters will return.

"I have great sympathy for young people without a roof over their heads, but unfortunately the post office roof is not in the best repair."

Cr Campbell said he thought it was the first time squatters had come to Caulfield.

Cr Don Dunstan, immediate past president of the Caulfield Progress Association, said the association had been worried about security at the post office for quite some time.

"As far back as last Christmas the association was concerned about the obvious lack of security at the post office," Cr Dunstan said.

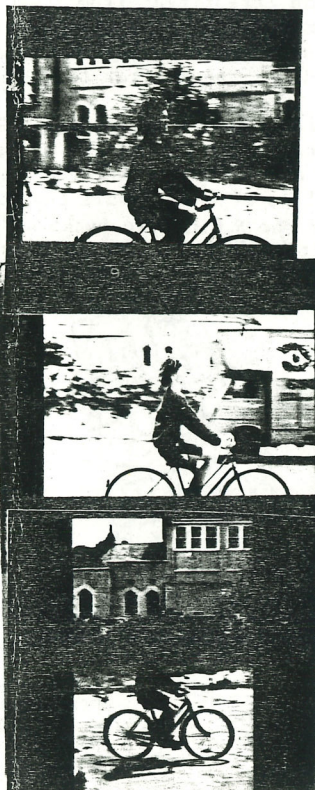
"We even employed a security guard at one time, then we received a letter from the city manager saying council would protect the building."



The squatters make themselves at home.

SOME DIRTY SQUATTERS MOVED INTO MY STREET WITH THEIR NON SEXST HAIRCUTS AND THEIR DIRTY FEET. THEM DOGS, CATS, POLITICAL ELITE THEY MAY HAVE BEDS BUT THEY DONT USE SHEETS FURNISHING THEIR HOUSES FROM THE CONTENTS OF SKIPS, THINGS THAT DECENT PEOPLE PUT ON RUBBISH TIPS, THEY LOOK QUITE HARMLESS SITTING OUT IN THE SUN BUT I WOULDN'T LET MY DAUGHTER MARRY ONE - DIRTY SQUATTERS OH MY GOD THEYRE MOVING IN NEXT DOOR.. DIRTY SQUATTERS - IS IT FOR PEOPLE LIKE THIS THAT WINSTON WON THE WAR - I'VE LIVED IN THIS STREET FOR NEARLY FIFTEEN YEARS, LIVED HERE WITH MY MOTHER LIVED HERE WITH MY FATHER, PAYED MY TAXES PAID MY BILLS, WATCHED MY MONEY WASTED IN THE COUNCIL TILLS, THEN ALONG COME THESE SCRUFFS WITH THEIR EDUCATION, THEIR GRAND IDEAS AND THEIR TALK OF CORRUPTION, MY KENT KEEPS RISING MY JOB GETS BURING, IF THINGS GET WORSE THEN IM GONNA HAVE TO JOIN THEM.

BOUGHT MYSELF A LOCK AND LATE TONIGHT UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS IF THE MOON WAS NOT BRIGHT, GETTING OUT OF HERE, MOVING NEXT DOOR, DONT THINK I CAN TAKE MUCH MORE



On Wednesday Northcote City Council's Chief Executive Officer, P.J. Black supervised council thugs and police smashing into a local Northcote home. In a fifteen minute operation, 15 Elm St Northcote, which was home to its occupants for six months, was illegally entered, a resident arrested for trespass, and other residents were ejected. All the occupants belongings were then dumped out onto the street. To complete the the homebusters changed the locks, and vandalized the water supply, in order to make house unliveable. SHAME, NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL, SHAME.



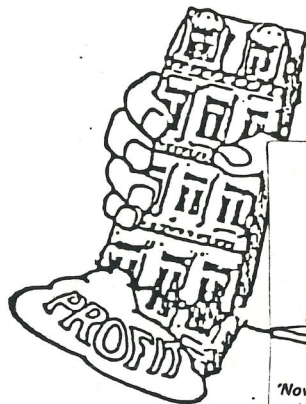
HOW WOULD THE COUNCILLORS LIKE
TO BE CHUCKED OUT ON THE STREET

Is the council acting in the interests of the citizens of Northcote when it throws people onto its streets and vandalises council houses? The answer is no. In April this year 15 Elm St had been sitting empty for approximately six months. Homeless unemployed people facing a seven year wait for public housing and a no-win situation on the private rental market, moved into the house to solve their own immediate housing crisis. It is a crime to leave a house sitting empty to rot while people are homeless.

The occupants offered to pay rent to the Council. Rather than accept rent from the occupants, or to proceed in the lawful manner of taking the residents to the Residential Tenancy Tribunal, the N.C.C. chose to waste public money by sending in workers to damage the council house and hiring a private security firm to guard the house after the eviction.

15 Elm St is now again sitting empty and has been made unlivable by the landowners. This is not an isolated incident where the N.C.C. evicts people from their homes. Only a few weeks ago, another council house, 5 Clarendon St was evicted and bulldozed in order to make a carpark for a local business. Future redevelopment plans of the Council threaten many other homes in the Northcote area. You can see that for the N.C.C. big bucks and business are the priority, not people's needs. So don't take the shit, resist and organize.

WE ARE JUST DOING OUR THING



IT'S A CRIME TO BE POOR WHEN THE RICH OWN THE LAW!

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The lure of the occult

By GREG KERR

SOMETHING sinister has been stirring the melancholy peace of the Melbourne General Cemetery recently.

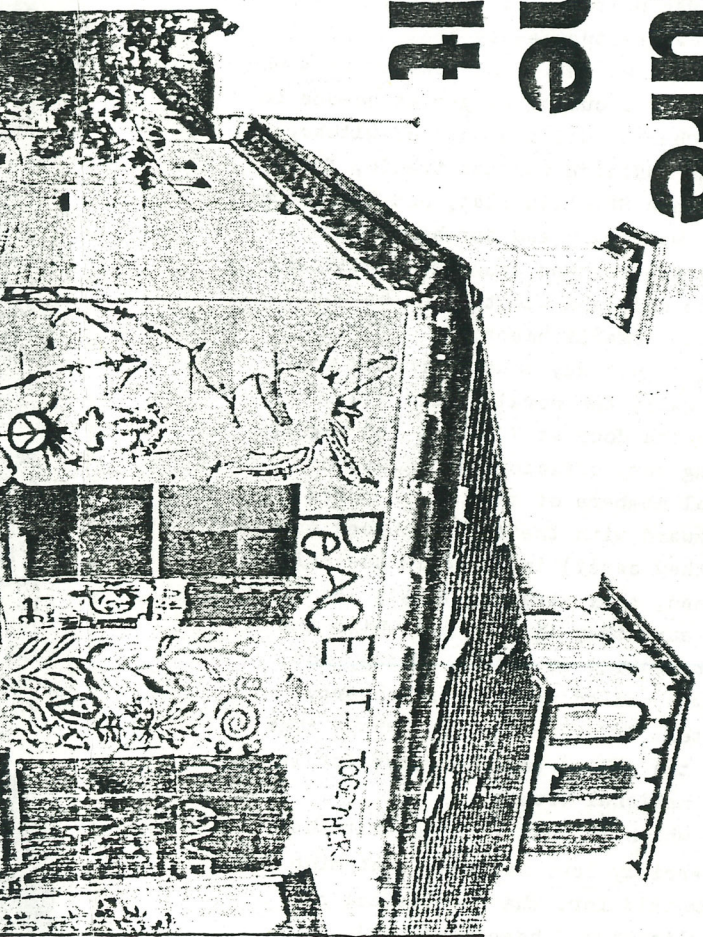
Tombstones have been smashed. Religious statues beheaded and epulaps dabbled with glowing red Saline symbols.

The discovery of ashes from three suicides and a woman's body were responsible for this shocking moonlight sacrilege.

Though nobody has been caught in the act, special police investigators apprehensive a woman's corpse — including eight children — for tolering suspiciously at the cemetery in now been

Security patrols have been massive Carlton cemetery along with the St. Kilda

Statue's house of gift



Speaking as one Stanley, an impoverished poet who sometimes works at the SUV and as an avid watcher of squatting, I must say that the article in the 'Weekend Herald' (ha) upon witchcraft and the unwritten implication(yeh!) that such a practise was performed at Charnwood cres., St.Kilda was a lot of neurotic bullshit.

I've crashed at Charnwood for about three months and not once did I witness the said 'topic' practised there, in fact I found it a very civilised place, not at all barbaric. There were just photos of Charnwood and veiled comments about St.Kilda being an iniquitous den with the unwritten(lots of them) implication that Charnwood was a prime location for such activity.

The only reason that such nasty conclusions were formed was the presence of, in my opinion, fine 'not-normal'(look at Van Gogh) artwork.

The rest of the article was written, wild babbling about an un-named 15-year old schoolgirl(supposedly brainwashed; I hope not) mistreated by St.Kilda witches, one Eban Durrant who suicided so his mother points an accusing finger at no-one in particular(the photos imply Charnwood!) and lots of witchcraft.

I'm not saying that Ebans' suicide was not tragic, for it certainly was. Eban suicided in a St.Kilda flat, not Charnwood as the photos implied, which was truly sad for he sounded a gifted child(he was only 13) who perhaps spun-out on society (a ridiculously easy thing to do!) and who thought he would live again in a sort of heaven establishment.

To get back to Charnwood, I must say that Charnwood was a damn good squat, and artistically and morally well made.

Mr. Plod crashed through the door at 7.30a.m. (an ungodly hour for I was there) looking very officious and like they were saving St.Kilda. Several members of the police force (grunt) looked extremely awkward with their mustacheoed bravado, and pretentiously(did they care?) involved in the eviction. Looking very scandalised, they very graciously let us stand outside and watch(I'm sure they liked that) while the roof was pulled off therefore making it uninhabitable, not content with that, a fence was nailed around the property so it could not be re-squatted. It was a bit of a shame that Charnwood was vandalised by the police and the owner for it was being considered by the national trust.

One last, last, last note which is that I think that the standard of reporting was terribly low, its true that mine is too but mine's not being paid for. The true effect of this article was one of implication(I heard that...), primarily against Charnwood and thus the logically next conclusion then formulated is that squatters are icky specimens-devil worshipers, all.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:

WORKING
TOGETHER



Mr Miller did some well-justified boasting on behalf of his officers when he pointed out that the program was a police initiative, not something imposed by the Government or the community.

The question is, after almost five years as the country's top spy, what do you do when you retire? For Mr Harvey Barnett, the answer seems relatively simple: you become a part-time spy.

"It is important that people are always on the look out for suspicious happenings in their street," he said.

Det Snr Sgt Jory says the important things to make note of are cars and their number plates and people who enter homes and do not appear to have any significant business in the area.

Mr Barnett is not the only former intelligence officer involved in Neighborhood Watch. In the Caulfield area, a former colonel in US Army intelligence, Mr Les Truex, is the state delegate.

It's Time To Start Watching The Watchers

That the program covers 25 per cent of Victoria's population illustrates its success.

That it has yet to cover the remaining 75 per cent confirms that the job is not finished — the Victoria Police deserve every support to extend this scheme to all corners of the State.

You've seen their spread across Melbourne's suburbs-these Neighbourhood Watch [N.Watch] signs with people's faces turning into filth. Beneath our noses a nationwide network of snoops has been set up-an integral part of any facist society-and there's not a wimper from any of the so-called civil Liberties groups. Neighbourhood Watch is a facet of Facism's friendly face of the 90's.

The filth say that N.Watch is a 'community crime prevention scheme' and was first started in the US in the 60's. In fact a scheme like N.Watch was first tried in Japan in the 20's and then in Nazi Germany where it was called Blockwart.

N.Watch has been set up supposedly to combat burglaries-however there's nothing to stop it being used against other forms of 'crime'(including new ones) as it's not an anti-burglary program but a 'community crime prevention scheme'. Take your pick-squatting, draft dodging, going 'underground', non-nuclear households (note the nuclear family on the logo)-anything. By mobilising the most conservative elements of the community-those with lots of possessions to be burgled and 'law and order' supporters-the groundwork has already been laid. It should come as no surprise that Harvey Barnett-former ASIO chief-is a zone leader in Kooyong-and had an audience burst into applause when he was nominated [see the Age of 21/10/86].



Even without speculating about law changes-something which is and will be happening is increased street harrassment-especially of young people. This is because N.Watchers are encouraged to report any suspicious people to the police-any person with hair too long or too short is an obvious target for poeple's paranoia and prospective squatters sussing out houses are even more at risk.

N.Watch is being set up in a deliberately induced climate fear-the war against cime is used as an excuse to erode civil liberties and increase police staffing and wages. Because it's a 'war' any one who speaks up against attacks on our rights is going easy on crims. But Neighbourhood Watch doesn't work against crime.

For a start N.Watch doesn't address the cause of property crime-some have it and most don't-decriminalizing smack would do more to reduce crime as people wouldn't have to steal to support habits and raising the dole to a real wage would lessen the need for people to shop-lift. It's true that N.Watch usually reduces burglaries in the area but this is achieved by shifting the crime to other areas and other forms. The overall state reduction in burgs is far less than that in N.Watch areas-therefore the numbers in other areas must be going up. The shift to other forms of crime is best shown by the proliferation of Watch schemes-train watch, car watch and Hospital watch so far-lots of emphasis on watching-none on long term prevention.

N.Watch doesn't even pretend to tackle the two most common serious forms of crime-tax avoidance and domestic violence-but then expecting the filth to turn on their supporters is far too much to expect.

Keeping cockatoo may help police net more jailbirds

By MICHAEL CARRICK

The controversy surrounding the changing of the Victoria police motto to "Uphold the Right" has only just subsided.

But already the force has gone a step further and used criminal jargon for the motto of its latest Neighborhood Watch campaign.

"Keeping Cockatoo", which is "crim-speak" for those keeping watch during a two-up game, has become a part of the Neighborhood Watch campaign following the adoption of the sulphur-crested cockatoo as its mascot.

Senior Constable Trish Duke, who thought of the idea, said cockatoos had all the qualities of a good neighbor.

"They look after their own kind and get rid of bad members of the flock. When they feed, a number of cockatoos are perched around the perimeter of the feeding ground to stop other animals or birds getting into their territory," she said.

Senior Constable Duke said the birds were community-minded, lived in flocks, kept careful watch on nests and ate pests.

Neighborhood Watch relied on people having similar qualities, she said.

But Senior Constable Duke played down the cockatoo's alleged bad habits.

"Some people say it talks too much and gossips, but a sharp beak and a healthy screech are handy when burglars are around.

"Farmers accuse the cockatoo of being a pest. We hope all burglars agree," she said.

Flaunted as being 'community based', N.Watch is in fact anti-democratic with no community control and only some, minimal input (as far as policy goes) for police vetted Zone Leaders who are unelected. This anti-democratic nature lends itself to uses outlined above which are a lot more sinister than merely stopping burglaries.

There is hardly any information about what's discussed when Zone Leaders get together but are you prepared to hope it's innocuous—N.Watch has already had documented use against squatting and against the Law (which they are meant to defend...ha,ha) in Canberra and as there is no information available this could be happening far more often than we'd like to believe. For a scheme meant to prevent crime to be used in perpetuating one sets a dangerous precedent [see the article over].



If you're a 'bad member of the flock'
the time to start acting against N.Watch is NOW.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:



.. TO SMASH THE HOMELESS

The A.C.T. Squatters' Union has reacted angrily to a notice in the September issue of the Campbell Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter warning residents of "suspected activities of squatters in the Campbell area".

The notice advises residents that "it is in your own interests to keep a watchful eye on any vacant houses in your neighbourhood. Report any suspicious activities to the Police immediately". The implication is that 'it could be your house next if we don't stop them now'. A spokesperson for the Squatters' Union said that this both ignored the problem of homelessness and the reasons for squatting.

"Squatting is about utilising vacant and unused housing in times when homeless people have no other options", they said. "It is about fighting for secure and affordable housing for ALL. To imply that squatters would seek to deny anyone shelter is just a basic misrepresentation of our cause".

From the Canberra Crimes #12 1/85
c/o GPO Box 1814 ACT. 2601
CANBERRA CITY.

Treating squatters as indiscriminate house-grabbers has been a common tactic by police, political figures, the media, and speculators and land owners with unused property, to discredit the squatters' cause in the eyes of the community. 'They'll move in while you're on holidays' is a cry we're all familiar with and one that squatting and housing organisations spend much of their time trying to counter. That the anti-homeless lobby have yet to provide a single example in support of their claims matters little when it comes to media attention.

The Squatters' Union was also critical of the way the newsletter attempted to instill fear in people so that they would co-operate in the persecution of the homeless.

"Squatting is NOT a crime, although that fact is conveniently left out of the report. What IS a crime is leaving houses vacant in the midst of a housing crisis: both from a moral point of view, and from a legal one, as it is illegal in the A.C.T. for lease-holders to leave their property vacant for more than a certain period of time (usually 12 months)".

Perhaps if residents are serious about creating a 'caring community' they should start to keep a 'watchful eye' out for vacant and unused houses in their area with a view to informing the Squatters' Union, rather than the police (phone 572161, or write to P.O. Box 401, Civic Square, 2608). This would seem to be a far more productive step in dealing with the problem of homelessness than kicking them into the next neighbourhood.

If you want to help watch the watchers write to RATBAGS WATCH c/o 301 St. Georges Rd NTH FITZROY

Share any info you may have, include some stamps and if you want to get actively involved, say so.

An open letter to the editor of the Weekend Herald...

RE: The article titled 'Lure of the occult, by Greg Kerr. The article printed in the Weekend Herald of the 6/7th of December [the 2nd. last one-ha, ha, ha] includes photos of 5 Charnwood Cres. and attempts to connect former residents with 'Devil worship, child pornography, prostitution and credit card stealing rackets'.

As a former squatter there I consider these connections ludicrous and extremely scandalous. During the periods that I was squatting in the house I am certain that no such thing as 'a 15 year old girl getting drugged and brainwashed' took place. There is no connection between the events described in the article and the illustrations used.

The photos showing 'weird drawings and inscriptions' are in fact works done by artists who lived in the building. They depict themes of repression of the homeless by the rich bourgeoisie, the loss of the world's precious environment by capitalist greed, the suppression of joy and freedom bought about by competitive power struggles.

People in the house were vegetarian, cared for animals and struggled against the hate and corruption of so-called normal society. Their act of squatting is necessary because the system makes housing something to be bought instead of a basic right and a need. So people squatted 5 Charnwood Cres. to have a shelter and a place to exist. The final crunch came when the owner illegally evicted the squatters and damaged the house beyond repair - ie. ripped the roof off.

If your sensationalist newspaper had any sensitivity to the issue you would have written a critique on the way an 117 year old building can be destroyed by the owners for real estate profit.

However since the press is in the hands of totalitarian consumer manipulators this would be too much to expect. So go on printing your lies, wasting trees, numbing people's minds. The tables will turn, the editor will try to make an apology but alas like water under a bridge or press clippings filed away - its too late.

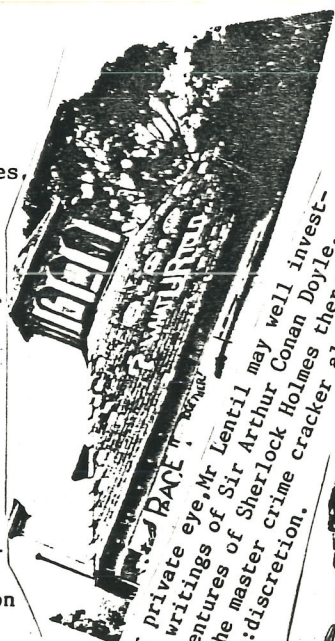
In the 'lure of the occult' you've simply

buried your head in the sand and your cries of devil and hell fire that have spread amongst your readers would almost be ridiculous if they were not so dangerously reminiscent of the witch-hunts of past decades in the US and the thousands that were burnt alive in Europe in similar purges for being different. By blindfolding and feeding the public statements of fear and distortions the press turn their thought away from the urgency of the matter. So hear this: the world's being depleted of energy and intelligence, get your hands off the steering wheel, don't slash nature and retire, now that your newspaper's gone broke.

Yours unfaithful,
the

PS... your private eye, Mr Lentil may well investigate the writings of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. One thing the master crime cracker always practised: ie. discretion.

H.W.



The act, special police investigators apprehended a woman people — including eight children — for tolerating suspiciously at the cemetery in New South Wales.

Security patrols have now been at the cemetery in the St. Kilda cemetery along with the St. Kilda where vandals have left their mark recently.

The elusive clandestine nature of devil worship makes it virtually impossible for investigators to pin the blame on individuals.

But satanic rituals at cemeteries and other places are now being condemned as an alarming turn in the games people play after dark and the types playing them.

POLICE, community leaders and others who are worried over reports that occultists are luring young people into prostitution, pornographic films and theft rackets.

In a resurgence of interest in the black arts, they also contend that:

- Satanists are using sacred church items including crosses for black masses in the town of Melbourne, 100 km north-west of Sydney.
- Witchcraft is directly linked to psychiatric disorders, broken-downs and suicides among children.
- School children have been "de-programmed" or exorcised in the offices of a private investigator.
- The Dandenongs and other coastal locations are the scene of black magic, covens and black masses.
- A "high priest" is conducting bizarre sexual rituals in a Richmond house with people who have answered ads in pornographic magazines.
- A prominent Canberra public servant under investigation for alleged involvement in devil worship in Australia.
- Dennis Henry, of the Police Licensing and Gaming Squad, licensed a youngster's early experience with the

occult to a heroin addict's first taste of marijuana.

"Before you know it, you're hooked. You're lured into it initially as a bit of fun, through the fascination of doing something wrong," he said.

The Police Licensing Gaming Squad this year has interviewed under 18 known to be involved in some form of witchcraft.

A number of missing children whose names are on the files of the Clandestine community police squad.

At least one of these children, a 15-year-old public schoolgirl from an eastern suburb, was brownwashed and drugged by witches in St. Kilda. She is now in hospital after suffering a nervous breakdown.

The girl's mother, who did not want to be identified, said: "It's

really taken a couple of years out of her life."

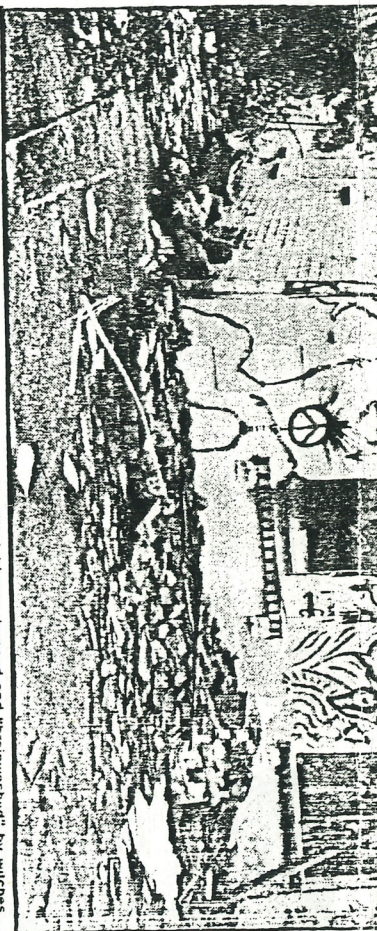
She believes her daughter was exploited by people from the St. Kilda area whose motives include devil worship, child pornography, prostitution and other satanic practices.

Many of them are bisexual boys; they leave them badly drugged, and sexually mutilated," she said.

The clandestine and nomadic nature of organised witchcraft means that police have few clues and who is involved.

It is difficult to establish where an occult group will meet for its next black mass; let alone find out who's dabbling with sinister forms of white witchcraft. But undoubtedly the most alarming revelation of the continuing occult activities among children.

The house in Charnwood Cres., St. Kilda, where a 15-year-old schoolgirl was drugged and "brownwashed" by witches.



Youngsters, many of whom are from wealthy families, are being enticed into the occult by friends or older strangers who scout, public places for likely recruits.

The lucker ones manage to pull themselves away for good, but for others it is an initiation into the twisted world of black magic.

OCCULT group leaders based in the St. Kilda area and the eastern suburbs are the main work of police. They brainwash youngsters with witchcraft and drugs then use them for prostitution, street theft rackets, even pornographic films.

The workings of such occultists have prompted police to step up inquiries into disappearances among Melbourne children.

Mystery still surrounds the suicide of 13-year-old Eben Durant in a St. Kilda flat early this

year. Yet those who knew the lad say it was his dealings with occultists that probably led him to his death.

It is believed that some esoteric bookshops, magic shops, and even one popularly nightclub are being used by occultists on the lookout for impressionable youngsters.

Private detective David Vint believes a witching witchcraft be it fortune telling or black masses involving animal sacrifices and sex orgies.

His investigations have led him to Canberra where an alleged hypnotist of devil worship is operating. He claims the occult guru recently moved from Perth where devil worship is said to be thriving.

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IS THIS FOR REAL???

Protest against eviction

THREE squatters evicted from a council-owned house in Elm St, Thornbury, last week claimed that the eviction was illegal.

The claim is strongly disputed by the Northcote Council Chief Executive officer, Mr Peter Black.

"The council took legal advice before evicting the trespassers," he said. "The advice was followed to the letter."

The squatters, Suzie Brown, 22, Katherine Richards, 20, and Anne-Marie Weston, 27, said they moved into the house at 15 Elm St six months ago.

They said they approached the council and offered to pay rent for the house.

Two weeks ago the council gave them two days to vacate the house.

The squatters said this was not possible as they were unemployed and had no money to pay rent.

Last week the council workers entered the house and moved the squatters' furniture and possessions on to the footpath.

They claimed that the council was not entitled to enter the house, to remove their possessions or to take possession of the house without a Supreme Court writ or an order of possession from the Residential Tenancies Tribunal.

A spokeswoman from the R.T.T said the council would be acting in contravention of Section 131 of the Residential Tenancies Act if it had evicted the squatters without a Supreme Court writ permitting it to do so. The council did not have such a writ.

Mr Black said the squatter had been trespassing on council property and the council had a right to remove them.

The squatter said they would take their complaint to the R.T.T. They are staying with friends and have approached the council for help in finding new accommodation.



PROTESTERS on the steps of Northcote Council offices. (From left) Former Elm St resident, Suzie Brown, Northcote Tenants' Union member, Robin Wilson, Eric Ferguson, Katherine Richards (Elm St) and Melinda Doolen (Northcote Tenants' Union).

Protesters claim eviction illegal

A PROTEST was held on the steps of the Northcote Council offices on Friday by people objecting to the council's eviction of squatters from Elm St and of tenants in Clarendon St over the past two weeks.

The protesters alleged the council acted illegally in carrying out the evictions.

A leaflet handed out by the protesters stated: "In April this year 15 Elm St had been sitting empty for approximately six months. Homeless unemployed people, fac-

ing a seven year wait for public housing and a no-win situation on the private rental market, moved into the house to solve their own immediate housing crisis.

"The occupants offered to pay rent to the council. Rather than accept rent from the occupants, or to proceed in the lawful manner of taking the residents to the Residential Tenancy Tribunal, the NCC chose to waste public money by sending in workers to damage the council house and hiring a private security firm to guard the house after the eviction."

The protesters said

this was not an isolated incident.

Mayor of Northcote, Cr David Redfearn, said the council had been generous to squatters in the past.

"Council has always been approachable in such matters," he said.

He cited a group of people who had lived in a boathouse in Northcote. The group had approached council and an agreement had been reached.

"The house in Elm St was to be used for two separate important community functions, but the squatters denied council access on both occasions," he said.

Suffering for the cause

MAYOR of Northcote, Cr David Redfearn, was kicked in the shin by a young woman at the official opening of the Northcote Peace Week at the town hall on Sunday.

The woman used obscene language and called Cr Redfearn a hypocrite.

Cr Redfearn said he was not seriously

injured and would not be pressing charges. He said he new the woman and assumed she was involved in the demonstration against evictions by Northcote Council on Friday.

"There were a couple of people who attended on Sunday with the sole intention of disrupting the opening of Peace Week," Cr Redfearn said.

HOMEBUSTERS



this whole development as a tedious monoliths, totally out of the surrounding architecture, the existing buildings and taking what people really want.



"*Man is regressing to the cave dwelling, but in an alienated, malignant form. The savage in his cave (a natural element which is freely offered for his use and protection) does not feel himself a stranger; on the contrary he feels as much at home as a fish in water. But the cellar dwelling of the poor man is a hostile dwelling, 'an alien, constricting power which only surrenders itself to him in exchange for blood and sweat.' He cannot regard it as his home, as a place where he might at last say, 'here I am at home.' Instead, he finds himself in another person's house, the house of a stranger who lies in wait for him every day and evicts him if he does not pay the rent."*

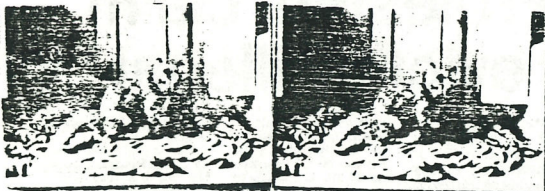
MAN/HE
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INCLUDES
WOMAN/
SHE

(SQUAT IT)



**NOW YOU HAVE TOUCHED
THE WOMEN YOU HAVE
STRUCK A ROCK YOU HAVE
DISLODGED A BOULDER
YOU WILL BE CRUSHED!**

5 AUGUST 5A WOMEN'S DAY



THE ORPHANAGE. Sth Melbourne

The most I can say about this squat - a great home for alot of people who need a home, for without one they would die, probably, and thats not good.

What is good? A shelter, several kitchens to eat in. Isn't this 'priority 1'? Other rooms exist for extra functions like a library, living rooms, theatres and an achapel containing confession boxes! There are several open areas (hard asphalt or concrete) some trees and pits of sand.

Overal an interesting @ist cooperative peaceful place, but for 1 thing: The cops have hassled from moment Go. Unwarranted uninvited visits occur week after week for the most feeble reasons. And intruding questions and assaults on people are not at all needed!! So &@%* off. Squatters dont walk into the homes of police and demand illegal interrogations though the laws are are such that the cops find enough in them to believe they can do this to squatters.

The good and positive aspects of living in the Orphanage cant be ignored. Overall we are being accepted by the local community. Some permission was granted in the start from a charity group which occupies some area there. Most people would agree that community support in recognition that someplace to live isn't something anyone can attach a price to or try to deny others, is needed. Having a home i.e the right to a roof over your head, and having permission to this basic need are two incompatible issues.

If the council or the ministry of conservation have a plan in sight that provides for the emotional and survival needs of people they also have to scrape up enough money and working party reports before it can be realised.

'Till then may the New Year bring lots of happy events and freely felt contentment to the orphanage and all squatters everywhere.

Invaded'

Greetings fellow members, this is Stanley who has offered to write upon the Elsternwick Post Office.

The Post Office was an excellent monument to letters and had ginormous amounts of room for we, squatters; so it was one chillily warm spring night that we moved (ha-ha) in. We had ideas of turning it into an educational and community resource center; a better fate than what we believed was a certain destructive one for the Post Office.

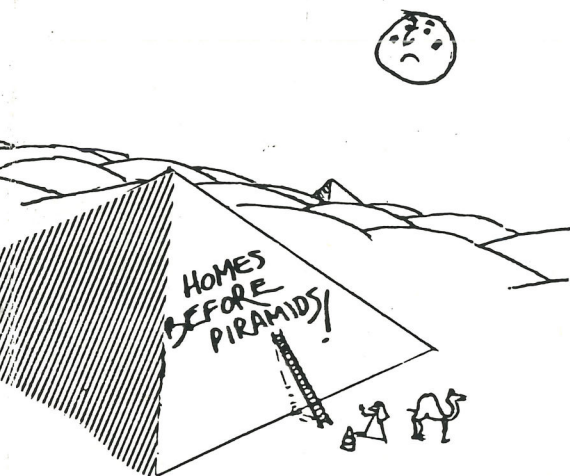
However, upon meeting Mr. Plod we discovered that the plans for the Post Office were not of destruction as we had mistakingly believed. The post office was not a government building but was in fact council and there had been plans afoot to turn it into a centerpiece (gosh).

Imagine our annoyance that we felt as there had been (and still is) about 100,000 homeless Victorians, looking for a home and the Post Office was perfect for inhabitation.

I must say that the ideas of what we were doing there by the council was very narrow minded and we were told that we had no right to be there. The question of rite (yer, rite) is irrelevant, for was not the building council and isn't the council working for us??

They angrily muttered about false pretences. Of course they were not false—we just thought that we were saving magnificence (albeit somewhat constructed) from death.

One last thought (this really is it), is this not what wars were fought about—the destruction of magnificence; be they buildings or systems physical or ideological—the same things and are they not ours?



BARRICADES IN DENMARK

Copenhagen, September - over 200 squatters have erected a dozen barricades in defence of a block of flats they have lived in for 3½ years. Police moved in to enforce a court eviction order but were successfully driven back with molotovs, bricks, sticks, teargas etc. [yes - the squatters used teargas against the pigs!]

The inhabitants in the area are helped with their daily chores [shopping etc.] by the squatters, so life goes on in the warzone! The squatters keep a constant look-out for police on the barricades, while people from all over Copenhagen bring food, hot coffee and blankets.

Some do-gooders including a well known Danish pop star want to buy the house then sell it to the council.

The squatters say they don't want to be given the house; they want the council to own it while they themselves will use it and pay repairs, water, gas etc. This, they hope, will emphasise the council's responsibility for the catastrophic housing situation.

The left wing parties want to avoid bloodshed [the 'poor bewildered youth' type thing], the conservatives want to join the leftwingers decision to embarrass the social-democrats - who now own the house.

Sympathy actions have been carried out in Holland, Germany and Sweden. In the second biggest town in Denmark, Aarhus, the social democratic housing organisation [the one evicting] was completely smashed up with damages of over £15,000!!



STOP PRESS: Negotiations ended with the squatters finally moving out and stopping resistance if the major house was converted into a youth centre and communications centre with free doss-rooms.

Needless to say, as soon as the police got into the "No-Go Area", the government and the house owners reverted to their original

renovation plans, tearing up their agreement with the squatters within hours of it being signed.

A spokesperson for the squatters organisation said "We've never trusted the capitalists, but we thought the government would keep to its legally-binding Contract. They only negotiated at first because we used force. Now we know we can't trust the state or politicians of the left, right or centre. We know now that without violent resistance you get nowhere."

Medieval Eviction Techniques



From
Counter Information
Edinburgh(U.K.)

Having returned to Melbourne recently and keen to catch up on what is happening at the SUV, and with squatters in general, I settled down to enjoy *Squat It* no. #4 to get some light relief and relax. My state of relaxation was soon to be shattered when I came to an article titled 'School's In, Mug The Rich.'

While I found the message in the article clear and supportive of the squatters concerned, I was horrified to see extreme sexism projected when the principal of the school concerned was referred to as a "stern bitch".

Filing this away in my grey matter for future reference, I continued reading only to soon be confronted once again by blatant sexism in another article titled 'Squat The Yacht'.

Once again the general content was fine and the points clear, but it was marred (and for me ruined) by wording such as '....bitchy toffs like Eileen Bond' and 'Eileen Bond, being the wife of'.

I have always got the impression that people helping run organisations like the SUV considered themselves to be 'aware' people fighting the oppression of the patriarchy and the state.

Surely people should not have to tolerate sexist attacks from a magazine put out by a group who say that they are offering part of the alternative to the present oppressive system.

Fighting against the patriarchy and state is hypocritical when you yourself are upholding the oppression of other people.

In my opinion, sexism and chauvanism are two of the most disgusting forms of oppression in the world and until this yoke is removed from the neck of the people I feel there really is no hope of any real change in the system.

"I'M SORRY, HE'S NOT HOME NOW! HE'S OUT FIGHTING FOR OPPRESSED PEOPLES."



So come on you people think about what you are doing, and maybe the SUV should look at being more responsible for their publication and refuse to print such offensive matter. Hoping for a better *Squat It* no. 5

How to prepare yourself for the day they stop sending your Social Security cheque

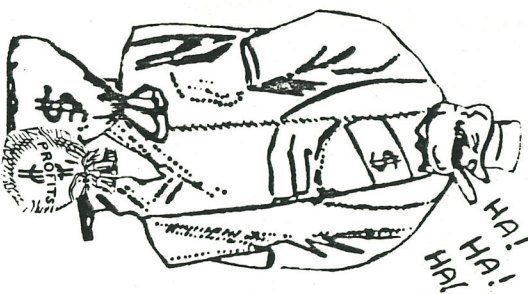
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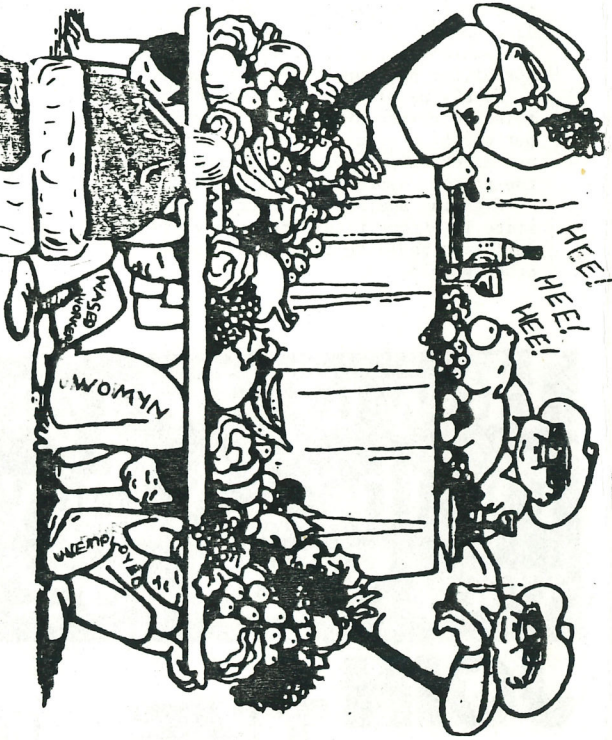
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BOYCOTT



Ho! Ho!
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STOP
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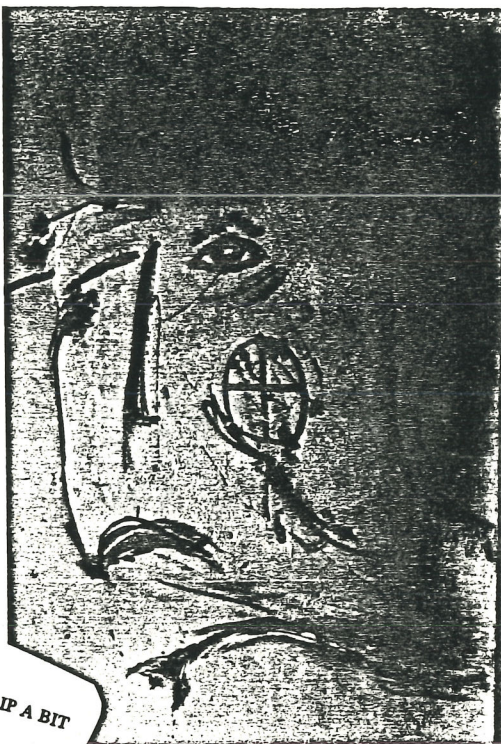


CRASH!
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It all ends in 't'

Squat,squat
Can't stop the rot
So I gotta squat
The world's in a poor lot
My nerves are shot
Machine running dead hot
There's no time to plot
Get inside squat.
Acid rain,chemical clot
Out of the sun and into the squat
Car broke down,something I forgot
Let it rust get into squat.
TV sent me out of my cot
Into the world,into the squat
Neon sign burnt out hot
Advertised,bought,ripped off,got
They got,I squat-their lot
Ownership,home kit,mud brick,clay pot
Better that the parking lot
Park bench or bus stop-find a squat
Nowhere to go,too far to row.
Stuff status quo.



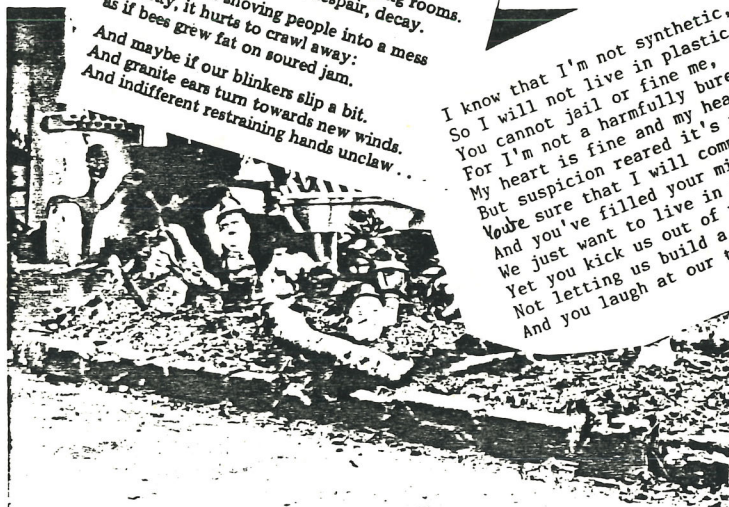
AND MAYBE IF OUR BLINKERS SLIP A BIT
by Dave Cunliffe

Didn't we search each forest morning
for food and clothing, before embracing
caves of night for warmth and shelter.
Didn't we join with tribal hunters.
Share spoils of fruitful gatherers.
Celebrate open communal feasts.

So, which of us thought up slum ghettos.
Grim streets of sad and lonely dying rooms.
Stink of dust and grime; despair, decay.
Who keeps on shoving people into a mess
so sticky, it hurts to crawl away:
as if bees grew fat on soured jam.

And maybe if our blinkers slip a bit.
And granite ears turn towards new winds.
And indifferent restraining hands unclaw...

I know that I'm not synthetic,
So I will not live in plastic;
You cannot jail or fine me,
For I'm not a harmfully bureaucratic.
My heart is fine and my heart is good,
But suspicion reared it's ugly head,
You're sure that I will commit a nasty crime,
And you've filled your mind with helpless dread.
We just want to live in peace,
Yet you kick us out of what you say are not homes,
Not letting us build a safe retreat,
And you laugh at our threadbare bones,



215 VICTORIA PDE COLLINGWOOD

FRIDAY

SQUATTERS

FRIDAY

UNION

We are having a ♀'s day to encourage more ♀♀ to come in and be able to participate without male presence. We'd like to have an informal atmosphere where ♀♀ can come in and feel at ease to talk to other ♀♀ about squatting and the SU. Bring the kids, there will be at least two ♀♀ staffing, so childcare is no problem.

N.B...Unfortunately it is impossible to keep all males out of the office as we are in the Kitchen of Shelter(Vic), who have a male worker upstairs and occasionally we may have male SU workers who need to do urgent work eg. evictions and may need materials from the office. We will be contacted by phone beforehand if this happens.

♀'S DAY

FRIDAY

EVERY FRIDAY 10-5

For more information, please don't hesitate to come in or ring and talk to Mandy, Kat, Lisa, Sandy, Tanya or Robin.

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SQUATTERS ARE NOISY

What was that grinding screech?

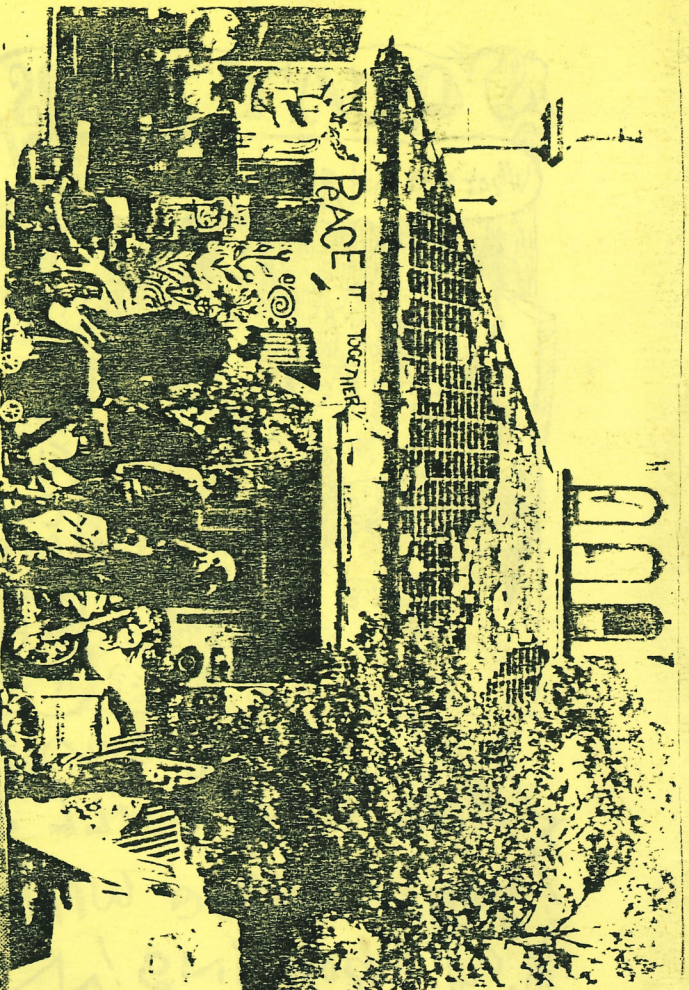
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And they will steal
your House while you're
out shopping!

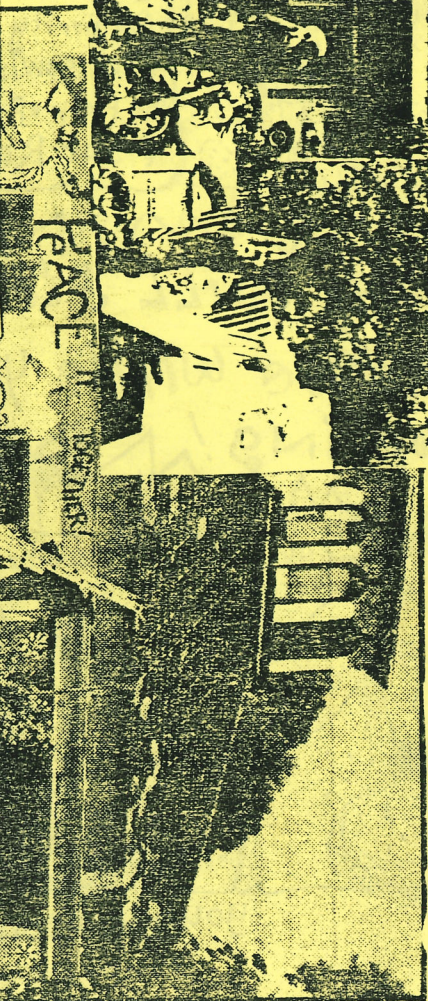


you have been warned!



After...

6 weeks after the roof is still off, no repairs or renovations have been done and a 3 meter high fence 'protects' the house from homeless people.



The Si Kilde

afternoon, with squatters — and the roof — gone